

GERMANY QUIBBLES ANSWER

RAISES QUESTIONS AS TO
NAVAL STATUS OF THE
LUSITANIA

DIRECT STATEMENT
ADROITLY AVOIDED

WILSON WILL REPLY THAT
SUB WARFARE CEASE
BEFORE ARGUMENT

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, MAY 29.—GERMANY'S ANSWER TO THE AMERICAN NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR GERARD TODAY.

THE GERMAN REPLY AVOIDS THE DECISIVE STATEMENT RAISED BY THE UNITED STATES, PENDING FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

BERLIN, MAY 29.—THE GERMAN REPLY EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET FOR THE "UNINTENTIONAL ATTACKS" ON THE AMERICAN STEAMERS GULFSTREET AND CUSHING AND OFFERS TO GIVE COMPENSATION IN EVERY CASE IN WHICH GERMANY IS FOUND TO BE IN THE WRONG. GERMANY SUGGESTS THAT ALL CASES IN DISPUTE BE REFERRED TO THE HAGUE FOR DECISION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 29.—AMBASSADOR GERARD REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT WHILE THE GERMAN REPLY TO THE AMERICAN NOTE ON THE LUSITANIA DISASTER HAD NOT YET BEEN DELIVERED TO HIM, HE KNEW IT CONTAINED A REQUEST FOR AN AGREEMENT ON THE FACTS IN THE LUSITANIA CASE; WHETHER THE LUSITANIA WAS AN AUXILIARY CRUISER, ON THE BRITISH NAVAL LIST, AND CARRIED A CARGO OF WAR MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES AND WHETHER SHE WAS ARMED WITH GUNS MOUNTED OR DISMOUNTED.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—While the state department officials momentarily expected word that the German answer was on the way, Secretary Bryan's early dispatch gave no indication that it had started from Berlin.

Like other messages from Berlin, now that Italy is at war, it probably will go from Berlin to Copenhagen, thence to London and to Washington.

Indications are that President Wilson will take the position that if Germany wishes to conduct a long diplomatic negotiation, she, first shall suspend submarine warfare on American ships or those carrying American lives.

While there is much tension in diplomatic circles there was no official intimation of the contents of the American note.

The admission by the German admiralty that a German submarine torpedoed the American steamer, Gulfstreet, without warning is taken to confirm the conclusion of the Washington government, reached before the note.

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- COMING EVENTS
- Post Office Clerks' State Association, May 31.
 - Oil well revival, beginning June 1.
 - Marine Band, June 2.
 - Fl. Smith Cadet Band, June 2.
 - Flower show in July.
 - State association of Rural Letter Carriers.

HIGH SANTA FE OFFICIALS TO VISIT

WILL COME TO GUTHRIE NEXT
FRIDAY ON A TOUR OF
INSPECTION

Several officials of the Santa Fe railway, on a combination business and inspection trip, traveling by special train, will arrive in Guthrie at 3:06 o'clock, Friday, June 4, and remain here one hour.

The party will include C. W. Kouns, general manager; J. R. Kountz, general freight agent; E. H. Bunnell, auditor of disbursements; J. M. Connell, general passenger agent; E. L. Copeland, secretary and treasurer; J. R. Cottingham, general solicitor; E. Raymond, general superintendent; J. C. Burnett, assistant general freight agent; W. K. Elter, division superintendent; H. R. Teasdale, division freight agent, and F. W. Thomas, supervisor of apprentices.

The object of the trip is to enable the officials to see the country served by the Santa Fe line, to get acquainted with the people, and to enquire into the business situation generally. M. N. Cochrell, the Santa Fe's local agent, will arrange to have the visitors meet as many Guthrie business men as possible during the short time they are here.

The special train will go from Guthrie to Enid.

COUPLE WHO "HIKED" ARE BROUGHT BACK

Herbert M. Chaney, aged 30, and Grace Warner, just 20, were married by Judge Chapelle in county court this morning.

The couple had just arrived from Amarilla, Texas, in charge of Deputy Sheriff Ed Robertson.

The couple were brought back from the Texas town on a warrant sworn out by County Attorney Swank on complaint of E. H. Knauss, who charged that they had removed mortgaged property from the state.

It is said that federal authorities in Texas were preparing to take action under the Mann white slave law when Robertson appeared and grabbed the couple.

All expenses put to by the county were paid by Chaney. After the marriage Chaney and his bride were released from custody.

DISAPPEARANCE OF E. B. HENRY STILL A MYSTERY

The disappearance of Ed B. Henry is still a profound mystery. Searching parties have traveled miles on each side of the Cimarron and Arkansas rivers in vain efforts to find a trace of the missing man.

A careful inspection was made of the long bridge that spans the Cimarron between Oilton and Jennings and over which Mr. Henry was compelled to pass in his trip between the two towns, for evidence of foul play. No marks or stains were found which would lead to the belief that it drowned at all, he fell through the open spaces of the bridge. A reward of \$500 will be offered for the recovery of the body or for the whereabouts of Henry.

Mrs. Robert Ramsay, of Atchison, Kansas, sister of Mr. Henry and a brother arrived in Guthrie last night and proceeded to Oilton to aid in the search.

It developed today that Mr. Henry carried \$5,000 in insurance; \$2,000 in old line and \$4,000 in fraternal societies. About three weeks ago he allowed \$2,000 to lapse.

Late this afternoon a telephone message from Oilton stated that no trace of the missing man had yet been found.

OLD MEN WOULD FIGHT FOR GERMANY AGAINST ITALY

Berlin, May 29.—Hundreds of volunteers, including men more than fifty years old, have reported to the military authorities at Frankfurt in the last few days, making the request that they be permitted to serve against Italy.

STEAMER DORCHESTER RAMMED

Baltimore, May 29.—The steamer Dorchester was rammed today by the J. A. Palmer off Annapolis. No casualties.



UNKNOWN A Memorial Day Poem by William T. Perkins

Far wandering in a sun-kissed western land
Beside a river flowing to the sea,
I walked among the graves of soldier dead
That lay in serried ranks beneath the bloom
And fragrance springing from the yielding sod;
I read each record on the marble shafts
That marked the final lonely bivouac
Of those who slept. Peaceful be their rest!
Each stone was deeply carved with the name
And home of him who silent lay beneath;
And some there were that told of noble deed
Or daring act in time of danger grave;
And some with tales of greater honors won
Made note of loyal scars and victories.

One lay upon his honored native soil;
And here was one who heard the call
Of arms
Above the surf that frets the coast of Maine;
And here were many from the sister states
Whose names are like the sound of summer rain,
Where glistening cornfields sway upon
The breeze;
And here and there lay those who, from
The South,
Had fought beside their brothers from the North.

I wandered on; and at the farther side—
Grass-grown and somewhat distant from
The rest—
I saw a lonely grave and, at its head,
A simple wooden slab—unpainted, rough—
And on its face the single word, "Unknown."

Long, long, I stood beside the lonely grave
And pondered on the one who lay beneath.
How came he there?—How were his
laurels won?
What mother bent above his infant bed
And kissed the soft damp hair upon his
brow;
Or strained him to her breast before
he left,
And daily prayed for his returning step?
Had he a sweetheart? Did she proudly keep
Within her bosom, through the
anxious day,
His letter, perfumed with the powder smoke
That told of fearful battle, stern and grim?
Did his strong arm revive some fainting
hope
And turn the battle's tide against the foe?
Or did the silent space his weary round,
With unclosed eyelids, through the
stormy night?
Did he return to home and those he loved,
With loyal marks of victory dearly won?
Or did they wait in vain through silent
years.
In hope and fear until they passed away?

God knows. Let him the living record
keep
That marks this lonely grave; but this
we know:
He had a mother once. He marched away
To battle in his country's hour of need;
He died,—but lives in victory of peace.

Then do we pray this miracle shall be—
The cold, insensate, weather-beaten slab
Shall live, and on its face these words
appear:
"Here lies a soldier in an honored grave,
Unknown to us, but not unknown to God."

SHEPARD TELLS TWO-CENT FARE 18 GRADUATES IN ARKANSAS IS THE JOYS OF LIFE TIED UP BY COURT

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BRILLIANT; 'VARSITY BOARD REORGANIZED

With the impressive graduating exercises held Friday evening at the First Methodist church, the fourth annual commencement of the Methodist university came to a brilliant close. Bishop Wm. O. Shepard, L. D., the orator of the evening, spoke on "The Joy of Life," and gave a most helpful and practical address on the real joy to be obtained by good living. The bishop impressed the fact upon his hearers that while from many sources the impression may be gained that life is sad and weary and hard, still in a thousand times as many instances happiness and abounding strength and pleasantness may be observed. His reverent and manly exposition of bodily and mental health was extremely powerful, and did not fail to teach its lesson to the listening graduates and their friends.

18 Diplomas Presented.

At the close of the address, President Edward Hislop presented diplomas and degrees to the graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and the special departments of Oratory, Music and Kindergarten Training. There were ten Bachelor of Arts, two Bachelors of Oratory, one graduate in Oratory, two in Music, and three graduates in the Kindergarten Training.

INJUNCTIONS GRANTED RE- STRAINING ROADS FROM COLLECTING FARE

(By Associated Press.)
St. Paul, May 29.—Temporary injunctions restraining the Arkansas railway commission from putting into effect its two-cent a mile passenger rate on all roads over eighty-five miles long and three cents a mile on roads under that length were granted in the United States district court today to the railroads.

Affidavits introduced by attorneys for the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Kansas City Southern railroads.

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TAXES WILL BECOME DELINQUENT JUNE 1ST

PENALTY OF 18 PER CENT WILL
ATTACH AFTER THAT DATE;
TUESDAY LAST DAY

Tuesday is June 1st. June 1st is the last day to pay taxes before the penalty attaches. Better be at the county treasurer's office at daybreak or shortly thereafter Tuesday morning if you want to escape the 18 per

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WARNING TO STEER CLEAR OF WAR ZONE

GERMAN WAR OFFICE IS- SUES NOTICE TO AMERICAN SHIPPING INTERESTS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., May 29.—Urgent warning to American shipping against traversing the naval war zone incautiously and to have all neutral markings displayed as conspicuously as possible including illumination at night was communicated to the state department today by Germany through the American embassy at Berlin.

It is related that one case of shipping a vessel was due to the fact that in the darkness the German submarine took it for an English boat.

SIXTH ANNUAL CON- VENTION OF P. O. CLERKS

REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY
CITY IN STATE WILL BE HERE
MONDAY; GOOD PROGRAM

Members of the Oklahoma State branch of the United National Association of Post Office Clerks, will hold their sixth annual state convention in this city Monday, May 31. This is expected to be the most in-

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OKLAHOMA MAN HEADS LARGEST ORDER IN WORLD

JUDGE J. B. A. ROBERTSON IS NOW GRAND SIRE OF I. O. O. F.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 29.—By the death of Judge Robert T. Daniel, grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Thursday night while attending the state convention of that order in Fitzgerald, Ga., Deputy Grand Sire J. B. A. Robertson of this city is advanced to that highest position of the order, and will assume the duties of the office at once.

"It is a great honor for the order of this state," said Judge Robertson, "and had the position come to me under any other circumstances I would naturally feel very fortunate. But the death of Judge Daniel takes from the order one of its greatest minds and his loss will be felt keenly."

"I will leave today for Griffin, Ga., where I will attend the funeral of the late grand sire which is to be held there Sunday afternoon, according to advice received in a telegram."

With the death of Judge Daniel, the highest office in the order of Odd Fellowship comes to Oklahoma City and to Judge Robertson who is now the highest official of an organization composed of more than 2,200,000 members in all parts of the world, including Germany, Italy, England, France, Russia, Japan, Australia, Canada and Africa. Judge Robertson will handle

PROBE SHOWS NEBRASKAN WAS HIT BY TORPEDO

INVESTIGATION BY EMBASSY
AT LONDON DISPELS
ALL DOUBT

CONSCRIPTION IS ASKED FOR ENGLAND

UNIONISTS DEMAND COM-
PULSORY MILITARY SERV-
ICE; MANY BOATS SUNK

(By Associated Press.)
NEBRASKAN WAS TORPEDOED.
WASHINGTON, MAY 29.—EVIDENCE FORWARDED BY AMBASSADOR PAGE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND GATHERED BY LIEUT. TOWERS, NAVAL ATTACHE AT THE LONDON EMBASSY, INDICATES THAT THE AMERICAN STEAMER NEBAASKAN, WAS TORPEDOED BY A SUBMARINE.

Vessels Hit Today.

Steamer Ethiope, British.
Steamer Proctor, Danish.
Steamer Ely, Danish.
Bark Rosvall, Swedish.
Austrian Submarine.
Steamer Spennymoor, British.

Steamers Out of Commission.
London, May 29.—The Danish steamers Proctor and Ely were torpedoed today. The crews were saved. The British steamer Spennymoor, sunk by a sub, at Start Point, lost its captain and five of the crew. The Swedish bark, Rosvall, was dynamited. The crew was saved.

Ethiope Sunk.
Liverpool, May 29.—The Elder Dempster Line's steamer, Ethiope, has been torpedoed and sunk. The chief officer and sixteen men were picked up; the others are supposed to be in boats.

Italians Bombarding Riva
Geneva, May 29.—Italian troops after a severe fight along the frontier north of Lake Idro, have captured the town of Storo and are now bombarding Riva.

Conscription Wanted in England.
London, May 29.—Baron Willoughby de Broke said, in addressing a Unionist meeting today, that he hoped one of the first acts of the coalition government would be to provide for some form of compulsory military service. Baron Lovat also spoke in favor of this idea.

There was read at the gathering what is described as a remarkable letter from Premier Asquith to Bonar Law, requesting full co-operation of the Unionist leaders.

The Marquis of Lansdowne occupied the chair and made a speech in which he declared it to be the duty of the party to work harmoniously with all factions to bring the war to a speedy termination. Andrew Bon-

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